

## BASURA BASH SAFETY AWARENESS

### *Examples of Common Hazards Along the River*

<b><u>BIOLOGICAL</u></b>	<b><u>PHYSICAL</u></b>	<b><u>CHEMICAL</u></b>
Poison Ivy Bull Nettle Fire Ants Wasps & Bees Spiders Snakes Hypodermic Needles	Uneven and Steep Ground (Slips, Trips, and Falls) Falling in River Broken Glass Brush (eye hazard) Boards with Nails Sharp Pieces of Metal (sheet metal, barbed wire, etc.)	Containers with Unknown Contents (methyl-ethyl-death) Old Batteries (acid) give to truck diver Pressurized Spray Cans Household Chemicals (bleach, Drano, etc.) Drugs

### *Protective Gear to Consider*

Safety Glasses	Eye protection in areas of brush and sticks
Boots or hard-soled shoes	Some protection against stepping on sharp objects Footing in un-even and slick terrain Ankle support
Gloves	Leather or thick cotton gloves protect against splinters and cuts Nitrile or latex gloves protect against mud, slime, and chemicals.
Sun Screen	Protection against UV
Bug Repellent	Mosquitoes, ticks, and chiggers.
Long Pants	Sharp objects or thorns

### *Safety Equipment, Tips, Contacts*

<b>Equipment</b> First Aid Kit Cell Phone Safety Rope (30') Blanket Rain/Cold Weather Gear	<b>Tips</b> Brief safety talk by Zone Captain before starting Do not get in water If it doesn't come out of the ground easily leave it Buddy System (especially kids) Hypodermic needles - place them in hard container/water bottle with lid and give to Zone Captain or Trib Leader Avoid confrontation w/transients and stray dogs.	<b>Contacts</b> Tributary Leader [fill in your info with phone #]  911 – please make sure everyone knows exactly where they are in case of an emergency to ensure quick access to injured volunteer.
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